ORDINANCE NO. 120

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A LOCAL DEFENSE COUNCIL
AND PRESCRIBING ITS DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

WHEREAS, on May 28, 1940, the president of the United States
created a Council of National Defense and an Advisory Commission
thereof for the purpose of assisting in the coordination of various
governmental, industrial, agricultural, economic and the activities
essential to preparing for the defense of the United States; and,

WHEREAS, the Council of National Defense and its Advisory Com-
mission have recommended that the National Defense Program and ac-
tivities related thereto be carried on through regular governmental
channels insofar as possible; and

WHEREAS, the Council of National Defense and its Advisory Com-
misson has officially requested the California Council of Defense
to assist and to expedite the formation of local councils of defense;
and

WHEREAS, the County of Mariposa desires to assist in the program
of National Defense by coordinating all of its public and private
facilities, resources and activities with the program aforesaid;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of the County of Mari-
posa does ordain as follows:

Section 1. There is hereby created the Mariposa County Defense
Council.

Section 2. The Defense Council shall be composed of one represen-
tative of the Board of Supervisors, to be designated by the Board
of Supervisors; the District Attorney; the Sheriff; the County Clerk;
the County Surveyor; the County Health Officer, all being officers
of Mariposa County; the State Ranger of Mariposa County; the Captain
of the Highway Patrol of the State of California located in Mariposa
County; the Commander of Mariposa Post No. 567 of the American Leg-
ion; the Commander of Yosemite Post No. 258 of the American Legion;
the Commander of El Portal Post No. 2971 of the Veterans of Foreign
Wars of the United States; John L. Dexter; Frank E. Ewing; Clyde C.
Adams; Joseph Hamilton; E. R. Carter; Joseph Raynor; Thomas L.
Graham, and such additional members as may be required to carry out
the purpose of this ordinance, not exceeding seven in number, may
be appointed by the Board of Supervisors upon recommendation of the
Council as constituted above.

The Council shall designate a Chairman and Vice-Chairman from
among the members of the Council and may appoint a secretary who
need not be a member of the Council and who shall perform such
duties as may be assigned to him by the Council.

Section 3. The members of the Defense Council, other than those
designated by titles, shall serve for a term of one year and until
their successors are appointed and qualified, as provided in Section
2. A four-fifths vote of all members of the Board of Supervisors
will be required to remove any member of said Defense Council from
office prior to the expiration of his term of office. Vacancies on
the Defense Council shall be filled in the manner provided for ori-
ginal appointment.

Section 4. It shall be the duty and responsibility of the
Defense Council to coordinate the activities within the county of
governmental and private agencies, and of individuals, cooperating
in the defense effort; to stimulate public interest and participa-
tion in defense activities; to consider and recommend to appropriate
governmental authorities plans for the public safety, health
and welfare; to plan a major disaster program, capable of function-
ing in a defense emergency; and to perform such other advisory func-
tions as may be requested of it by officials of the city, county, state, and Federal agencies engaged in the defense effort.

Said Council shall receive, acknowledge and appraise prof-
ers of facilities, services and ideas originating within the com-

munity and make appropriate dispositions of same; gather informa-

tion concerning defense programs and objectives among cooperating

agencies; recommend adjustments or arrangements necessary for

prompt assimilation of government programs for defense to the

appropriate officers, departments or agencies; receive requests

for assistance from the State Council of Defense and from Federal

defense authorities and transmit these requests to the proper

authorities for action; accumulate or assist in the accumulation

of information regarding local governmental, financial, economic,

industrial and human facilities and resources and transmit any

such facts, as well as other necessary information, to the State

Council of Defense and to Federal defense authorities.

Every department, commission, officer and employee of the

County of Mariposa shall cooperate with and assist the Defense

Council so as to enable the Council to accomplish the objectives

of this ordinance.

Section 5. There is hereby created as permanent committees

of the Defense Council: (1) Committee on Civil Protection, which

shall consider defense matters relating to the public safety, the

protection of civil liberties and the maintenance of law and or-

der, including the preparation of a disaster preparedness plan;

(2) Committee on Human Resources and Skills, which shall assist

in the registration of persons for defense work of all kinds, co-

operate with governmental agencies in making plans for defense

training of skilled workers and other persons engaged in defense

work requiring special training, and analyze and report to the

Defense Council on all proffers of assistance from private per-

sons and organizations; (3) Committee on Health, Welfare and Con-

sumer Interest, which shall consider activities designed to con-

tribute directly to the social, physical and economic well-being

of the individual and the family, protection from want, protec-

tion against unwarranted rise in prices; (4) Committee on Trans-

portation, Housing, Works and Facilities, which shall consider

provisions for defense housing, buildings and structures, works

for water supply and transportation, highways, airports and other

transportation facilities; (5) Committee on Public Information,

which shall serve all committees of the Council as a medium through

which to inform the public of defense activities, develop plans

for the use of newspapers, radio, and other means of public infor-

mation, and attract and sustain citizen interest and participation

in defense work; (6) Committee on Industrial Resources and Produc-
tion, which shall consider the industrial resources of the county

as these relate to defense production and assist in making the

most advantageous use of such facilities; (7) Committee on Agri-
cultural Resources and Production, which shall consider the con-
servation and use of land and the crops and livestock it supports,

the growing and marketing of plant and animal products for con-

sumption as food or as raw materials entering into industrial

production.

The Defense Council may create other permanent committees and

such temporary committees of the Council as the Council deems

necessary and shall define their duties within the purpose of this

ordinance and may abolish any such committee. The chairman of the
permanent committees of the Defense Council shall be designated by the Chairman of the Council from among the members appointed as provided in Section 2 of this ordinance. Members of permanent committees other than the chairman and all members of temporary committees shall be appointed by the Chairman of the Defense Council and need not be members of the Defense Council.

Section 6. All expenses incurred in carrying out the purposes and objects of this ordinance shall constitute a proper and legal charge against the County of Mariposa, provided, however, said expenses must be authorized by the Board of Supervisors prior to being incurred.

Section 7. This ordinance is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the immediate preservation of the public peace, health and safety, and shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and publication as required by law. The following is a specific statement showing the urgency of this ordinance:

An emergency exists in the United States and in this State in providing adequate National and Local Defense. It is necessary that all information be gathered relating to National Defense and to provide for the proper cooperation and coordination of public and private agencies so that adequate Local Defense may be provided for at as early a date as possible.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, this 6th day of August, A.D. 1941, by the following vote:

AXES:

[Signatures]

NOBES: None

ABSENT: None

[Signature]
Chairman, Board of Supervisors, Mariposa County, California.

ATTEST:

[Signature]
County Clerk and Auditor
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.